

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

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~~¶ To afford~~Method and system for copy protection ~~for~~ng information, e.g. elementary streams, from a service provider, ~~which is~~ while in ~~transmitted~~transit between a point of deployment (POD) module and a set-top box, the information is accompanied by~~are disclosed by an arrangement in which control information pairs, are transmitted from the POD module to the set top box. The control information pairs~~ The pairs are respectively associated with the portions of the copy protected information, ~~for example, elementary streams, transmitted between the POD module and host device. To prevent hackers or an intruder from tampering with the copy protected information, the control information pairs and are incorporated into a shared key calculation in the POD module and set-top box. The shared keys are used by the POD module and set-top box to encrypt and decrypt the information (e.g., elementary streams). Tampering with a~~ If the at least one control information pair, as by an intruder or hacker, prevents keys shared ~~is tampered with during transmission between the POD module and the set top box, then the shared key(s) calculated by the set-top box and POD module will not~~ from matching. A mismatch prevents, and the set-top box ~~from~~ will not be able to correctly decrypting the encrypted information received from the deployment module.¶

Replace the last full paragraph on page 12 (i.e., lines 16-29) with the following paragraph:

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¶-The host device then begins to decrypt the encrypted information (e.g. the selected copy protected content information that has been encrypted with the shared

key(s)). Accordingly, host device 10 is allowed to complete a transaction or receive the selected services. For example, the host device changes to a selected program channel of a cable service provider. However, if the shared key(s) do not match (for example, due to an attempt to ~~temper~~tamper with the control information pairs), the decryption of the copy protected content fails, for example, viewers will only receive scrambled information, such as scrambled pictures. These steps are represented by steps 218-222. Thereafter, the user can select new information by returning to step 206.
